

the apparatus claims the initial flow bubble chamber and the blocking of entry of untreated liquid into the purifying passageway. The fact that the same underlying inventive subject matter can be expressed as both apparatus and method does not make such claims distinct.

Linking claim 58 has been added, and claim 58 must be examined as dependent on elected claim 39. Restriction of the subject matter of claims 21-38 is unnecessary when examination of claim 58 will necessarily encompass the subject matter of claim 21.


Since an election is required for a response to be complete, applicant elects claims 1-20 and 39-58 of Group II and requests an examination of all the claims in the application.

#### **Additional Claim Fee and Payment**

A check for \$9 for one additional dependent claim is attached. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment in connection with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 19-4518.

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